

Medical Clinic ready to serve during heat
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DAEGU, Republic of Korea -- With the influx of soldiers to Camp Walker for Ulchi Focus Lens, support services have increased their normal workloads. The staff at the camp's Troop Medical Center have seen their number of patients swell in the last few days.

"The number of patients has jumped," said Spc. Lavares Shipman, a medic with the 168th Medical Battalion. "Dehydration has been the largest problem. In the past couple of weeks, we have had about two cases a day that required an IV to re-hydrate. We have also had some minor injuries, but nothing serious."

Attached to the Medical Clinic is a 24-hour Urgent Care Clinic. The UCC is prepared for any serious medical emergencies, and provides help during the weekend when the Clinic is closed.

"If we are dealing with a serious injury," said Shipman, "then we do our best to stabilize (the patient) and then move him to a better medical facility."

The Medical Clinic at Camp Walker plays an important role in the local area. It supports the surrounding installations, with service members and family members coming from Camp George, Camp Henry and K2 Air Base.

Sick call is available throughout the exercise. The clinic opens at 6:30 a.m., and takes its last patient at 4 p.m. To make an appointment during the week, call 764-4057. If help is needed during the weekend, a soldier can go through the UCC. There is also a pharmacy for soldiers who need to fill personal medication.

"The Clinic has a wide variety of services for the soldiers of Command Post Oscar," said Shipman.

The TMC medical personnel point out that everyone can avoid frequent clinic visits as long as they observe safety precautions and drink plenty of water.